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findings. I am not informed as to whether he took it up with Mr. Windsor or not. Our general plan was that the Board would take over all the information that Mr. Windsor's committee could turn over. We worked on that basis. The recommendations summarized are as follows: (Reads) It seemed to us that the five members appointed or elected by the council should be selected for absolute suitability to such a task and not limited to a type of library. We would have four types represented, all interested in some training, or by local training at least, and there was an effort on the part of the committee to provide a broad basis for certifying good library work on the basis of what had been accomplished in years of service with no thought of basing it on training as such, but that we would endeavor to have a broad enough system that it would correlate the various types for work.

After discussion it was

Voted, That the Council adopt the second, third and fourth recommendations.

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted.

The session was then adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the Council, held immediately following the last general session, June 7, was called for the purpose of electing five members of Council.

The President, Miss Alice S. Tyler, presided.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee designated to nominate the new members of Council which the Council itself is to elect for the next ensuing term. The report is as follows:

The Committee on nominations for members of the Council submits the following nominations:

Arthur L. Bailey, Wilmington, Del.

John H. Leete, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Henry O. Severance, Columbia, Mo.

Burton E. Stevenson, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Charlotte Templeton, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted:

CLARA F. BALDWIN,

FRANCES EARHART,

CORNELIA MARVIN,

M. L. RANEY,

MALCOLM G. WYER.

June 7, 1920.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on nominations be adopted and that these nominees be declared to be elected members of Council.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Bowerman:

RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association, recognizing the utility of the library statistics which have been collected during the census year, request the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Education to collect these statistics during the current year, and tender to them such assistance as it may be possible for the Association to give in making these statistics complete and accurate.

It was

Voted, That the resolution be adopted.

The session was thereupon duly adjourned.

No report has been received from the College and Reference Section up to the time of going to press.

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

The Agricultural Libraries Section held its session on June 3 in the evening, with Miss Grace E. Derby, associate librarian of the Kansas State Agricultural College Library, presiding. Unfortunately at the last moment the time of the meeting of the College and Reference Section was changed from the afternoon to the evening of June 3. This produced a conflict in hours between the Agricultural Libraries Section and the College and Reference Section—sections of very similar interests.

Miss Derby endeavored unsuccessfully to effect a better arrangement. This probably accounted for the fact that only eighteen people attended the agricultural meeting, and some of them did not remain for the entire evening.

The meeting was opened with the reading by Miss Derby of a letter from Miss Barnett. Both she and Miss Lacy sent their regrets at their absences. The letter was briefly as follows: Miss Barnett recalled the fact that this was the tenth an-

niversary of the founding of the Section. Its greatest accomplishment had been the promotion of the Agricultural Index, which had been discussed at the first meeting at Mackinac in 1910. H. W. Wilson has now offered to give us a page in each number of the Agricultural Index for news of agricultural libraries. The librarian is to send the material. Miss Barnett also suggested a round robin letter. Likewise she discussed the question of a program committee for the next meeting. She referred to the death of Mrs. Ida A. Kidder, librarian of the Oregon Agricultural College. Miss Barnett wished Dr. J. I. Wyer, Jr., founder of the Section, and also Mr. Frederick C. Hicks, who is interested in the publication of the Union List of Agricultural Periodicals by the Institute of International Education to speak. Miss Barnett closed her letter by sending her good wishes.

Miss Derby then read the program of the first meeting, which foreshadowed many of our present problems.

In the absence of its author, Miss Lucy Lewis read Dr. R. H. True's paper on:

BEGINNINGS IN AGRICULTURAL LITERATURE IN AMERICA

(See page 186)

Miss Charlotte Baker, Librarian of the Colorado Agricultural College, gave a

DISCUSSION ON A SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES

An abstract follows:

"In thinking of agricultural colleges, several questions have come to my mind. In about sixteen of our states, the university and the agricultural college are together. (1) Is there one large library for the use of all students on the campus? (2) Is there a university library and an agricultural library? (3) Is the agricultural library a branch of the university library, or a separate entity? In some institutions, I know the agricultural library is a branch and the attitude of the general library toward it, is one of condescension. Again, what are the mutual relations of the agricultural library and the experiment station library?

"Since our chairman has asked me to write Miss Barnett of the Department of Agriculture about the advisability of an

agricultural survey, you will wish to hear her reply. She writes:

"I have often thought such a survey would be advisable. The A. L. A., as you know, has proposed a survey in connection with its Enlarged Program, but even if the plans for it are carried out, I hardly think it would answer the same purpose as a survey confined to agricultural libraries, or rather to the land grant college and experiment station libraries and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The object of it would be, it seems to me, to learn existing conditions, the good as well as the bad, and also to learn why such conditions exist. In other words, from a study of the results of such a survey, it would be possible to make definite recommendations for the improvement of agricultural libraries and their service. Some of the main topics which I would like to see included in the survey are (1) organization; (2) equipment; (3) finances; (4) buildings; (5) personnel; (6) service. On the enclosed sheet, I have indicated some questions under each of these heads which have occurred to me. Personally, I am inclined to limit the questionnaire or questionnaire to subjects of direct interest to agriculture libraries. In other words, I would hesitate to include any of interest to libraries in general, or those bearing upon agricultural college life in general.

"If after the discussion at the Agricultural Libraries Section, it should be decided that a survey of Agricultural Libraries is desirable, it would probably be best to appoint a committee to make the survey with a view to getting it published. It would be fine, if it could possibly be made in time to present the results at the next meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations in November. I feel that the Agricultural Colleges have big opportunities for usefulness which they as a whole have not yet lived up to, and I hope a survey, if made, may have some good results."

Miss Baker closed by suggesting the appointment of a committee, provided that the Section approve of the survey. Miss Barnett hoped that the survey could be completed in time to present its results to the November meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. The Section approved of the survey, but agreed that a year was necessary to do it properly. This fall was thought a good time to start. Miss Derby

thought that the survey would be especially helpful to the weaker libraries.

Miss Elizabeth Forrest, librarian of the Montana State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts Library, then read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A UNION LIST
OF AGRICULTURAL PERIODICALS.

Miss Grace E. Derby,
Chairman, Agricultural Libraries Sec-
tion,
American Library Association.

In accordance with your request I submit the following report of progress on the work of the Committee on a Union List of Agricultural Periodicals. The Committee was appointed as a result of the discussion following Mr. Charles R. Green's paper on a union list of agricultural periodicals given at the meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association at Asbury Park in June, 1919. The members of the Committee who were appointed by Miss Vera M. Dixon, Chairman of the Section at that time, were as follows: Mr. Charles R. Green, Librarian, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Chairman; Mr. Henry O. Severance, Librarian of the University of Missouri; and Miss Lydia K. Wilkins, Chief of the Periodical Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture Library. In January Mr. Green unfortunately found it necessary to resign from the Committee on account of the pressure of the work of his library and the writer of this report was asked by Miss Derby to serve as Chairman in his place. As Mr. Severance has been in Europe on business for the A. L. A. during the greater part of the year, it has been impossible for him to do any work with the Committee.

Before Mr. Green resigned, he had been in communication with Mr. Frederick C. Hicks, Law Librarian of Columbia University, who was temporary chairman of the Organizing Committee appointed by the Eastern college libraries November 29, 1919, to consider the subject of co-operation with the Institute of International Education and had obtained a copy of the preliminary report of the Committee, which is enclosed. It will be seen that this report is of special interest to our Committee because of the fact that one of the means of co-operation recommended is the preparation of union lists of periodicals and that, furthermore, the report holds out the possibility of the publication of such lists by the Institute of International Education.

It was felt that the opportunity set forth

in the Report was a most unusual one and that it was desirable for our Committee to take advantage of it if possible. After some preliminary correspondence with Mr. Hicks, who made some valuable suggestions as to how the matter should be taken up, a letter was written to Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education, New York City, explaining the proposed plans of our Committee for a union list of agricultural periodicals and asking whether the Institute would be willing to publish the list. In his reply Dr. Duggan said that he would be glad to place the matter before his committee but that he thought he ought to draw our attention to the fact that, in conformity with the name of the Institute, he feared the committee's decision would be that the Institute ought not to publish lists which were not of an international character and the publication of which would not help in the development of international good will for which the Institute was founded. As nothing further has been heard from the Institute the matter is still in statu quo. It is believed that it should be possible to convince the Institute of the international character and value of a union list of the agricultural periodicals contained in the various agricultural colleges and reference libraries throughout the country, but in view of the approaching meeting of the Agricultural Libraries Section it seemed best before taking the matter up again with the Institute, to get more information in regard to the wishes of the Section.

One of the most difficult points to decide in regard to the list is its scope. Should it be confined strictly to periodicals on agriculture and all its branches or should it include also those on the sciences pertaining to agriculture, such as botany, chemistry, entomology, forestry, biology, etc.? Should society publications, annuals and semi-annuals, be included or only bona fide periodicals issued at least four times a year? And finally, should it be only a list of titles of periodicals currently received or should it catalog the full files contained in the various co-operating libraries?

If the list were to be published by the Institute of International Education it is probable that it would be feasible to include only agricultural periodicals, American and foreign. This list would undoubtedly be of much interest and value but it is known that the librarians of some of the agricultural libraries feel that a union list confined to agricultural periodicals would be much less useful than a list con-

taining also periodicals on the sciences relating to agriculture and that they would prefer to have published a list of all the periodicals and society publications contained in the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It would seem, therefore, that the matter resolves itself into the following alternatives. Is it best for the Committee to continue its efforts to get the Institute of International Education to publish a union list of the agricultural periodicals, domestic and foreign, contained in the agricultural and reference libraries of the country, including not only current periodicals but also back volumes, or would it be better for the Agricultural Libraries Section to bend its efforts toward getting the Department of Agriculture to publish a revised edition of Library Bulletin No. 37, entitled Catalog of the periodicals and other serials contained in the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture? The difficulty in the way of getting the Department to publish this catalog is the scarcity of printing funds. It would therefore be necessary to convince the Division of Publications of the Department of the great need for the catalog. Any recommendations which the Section may make in regard to either proposition as a result of the discussion of the subject will be most helpful to the Committee in deciding upon its future action. If the publication of a union list of agricultural periodicals by the Institute of International Education is deemed desirable, the matter will again be taken up with Dr. Duggan and every effort will be made to persuade the Institute to publish the list. In this connection it may be pointed out that such a list would also be in genuine co-operation with the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome and that it may be possible to get its support in the undertaking.

LYDIA K. WILKINS,
Chairman.

After some discussion the entire matter was referred to a committee to be appointed by the chair.

Miss Forrest next gave a tribute to Mrs. Ida A. Kidder, formerly librarian of the Oregon Agricultural College, who has died since our last meeting. She spoke of her own relations to her as class-mate and friend and inspiring co-worker. Mrs. Kidder was a graduate of the New York Normal College, came as a student to the University of Illinois in 1903 at forty-eight

years of age. She had the courage to borrow money on her life insurance to educate herself, although she was already in middle life. In 1906 she received the degree of B. L. S. from the university, graduating with honors. She worked first at the Washington State Library and the Oregon Library Commission, and in 1908 went to the Oregon Agricultural College as librarian. The library consisted of 4,000 books, and had been administered by a farmer, who had moved to town to educate his daughters, for \$40 a month. She left the library well organized and with a strong staff of workers and a beautiful new building. Above all Mrs. Kidder was an inspiration to all who came under her influence, and a kind helper to anyone in difficulty. She was never too busy to say the kind word or to do the thoughtful thing. Her funeral was most impressive. Her body lay in state in the library, and an open-air service was held on the steps of the library with the entire college in attendance. The students carried the body from the campus. The following resolution was adopted by the Section:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ida A. Kidder has been called from her service as librarian of the Oregon Agricultural College to a greater field;

WHEREAS, Her departure has removed from our midst an inspiring presence whose helpful influence was felt by everyone with whom she came in contact;

AND WHEREAS, Her untiring energy and indomitable courage in building up a well organized library from humble beginnings is a source of help and encouragement to all co-workers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Agricultural Libraries Section of the American Library Association, do express our appreciation of her service and of the loss to the library world and that we extend to her associates and to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Hastings spoke of his plan for the cataloging of the publications of the state experiment stations. Each state agricultural library is to analyze its own series, and the Library of Congress will print the cards. The work is done for six states, namely Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Vermont and Virginia. He asked

the coöperation of all of us. He also asked whether we found that the U. S. D. A. cards came too slowly, and several said that they desired more speed in the distribution of the cards and also of the agricultural publications themselves.

The chairman closed by asking our opinion of the round robin and of the news page in the *Agricultural Index*. It was voted to try to contribute to the news page, but the round robin was not thought advisable. Then Miss Derby asked for miscellaneous questions. Miss Forrest presented her views on the matter of faculty rank for the college library staff. Most of us do not have the full privileges of the teaching faculty. The consensus of opinion is that the librarian should have the rank and salary of the head professor, the

heads of the departments that of the assistant professor, and the assistants that of an instructor. There is also the question of a sabbatical year and of a chance for summer study for the library staff. Such preferments must be asked for only on the basis of training and service.

In accordance with the report of the nominating committee the following were elected officers of the Section for the coming year: chairman, Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Librarian, University of Nebraska Library; secretary, Miss Lucy Lewis.

Miss Lewis moved that the chairman appoint a program committee if he wanted help. Motion was carried. The meeting then adjourned.

ELIZABETH FORREST,
Secretary.

CATALOG SECTION

The Catalog Section of the American Library Association met on Saturday afternoon, June 5. Miss Agnes S. Hall, head cataloger of the Denver Public Library, acted as chairman in place of Mr. Flagg, of Bangor, Maine, whose death occurred March 28 of this year. Miss Mary E. Hyde, of the New York State Library School, elected secretary, resigned, and Miss Nellie M. Robertson, of the Colorado Agricultural College Library, was appointed to fill her place.

Miss Zana K. Miller, librarian, Library Bureau, Chicago, read a paper on

TRADITION VERSUS COMMON SENSE IN THE
DAY'S WORK
(See p. 155)

Mr. Henry C. Rehm, of the Colorado Springs High School, gave a brief talk on A LAYMAN'S VIEWS OF THE CATALOG, in which he disposed of that sacred instrument altogether, and in its place substituted labeled shelves. We catalogers hope that ninety-and-nine do not agree with him.

This talk was followed by a symposium by Miss Grace Hill, of the Kansas City Public Library, and Miss May Wood Wig-

gington, head of the Catalog Department of the Louisville Free Library on

SHORT CUTS IN CATALOGING
(See p. 162)

Miss Hill expressed the opinion that in cataloging for small libraries, one should be guided by considerations of present usefulness in making eliminations. She emphasized the point that it is not necessary to duplicate in cataloging, work that is done in indexes, instancing the *Children's catalog* and the *Reader's guide*. Miss Hill advocated treating the government publications indexed in the *Reader's guide* as periodicals, i. e., not making analytics for the catalog but using such publications through the indexes. In the catalog, she thought it inadvisable to use many cross references, especially *See also* cards. To eliminate the writing of many subject cards, the use of general references was suggested; e. g., *For arithmetic, see books on shelves 511*.

The paper of Miss Jennie Herrman, librarian, San Diego (Calif.) County Library was read by Miss Althea Warren, the subject being: